परिचालित हो पाई । इसके अतिरिक्त पश्चिमी-क्षेत्र 6 अतिरिक्त उड़ाने परिचालित कर सका । पूर्वी-क्षेत्र में कोई भी उड़ान परिचालित न हो सकी ।

(ख) इंडियन एयरलाइंस के प्रबंधकों ने संगठनों/संघों के नेताओं से मुलाकात की और उन्हें हड़ताल न करने का परामर्श दिया। क्षेत्रीय श्रम आयुक्त, दिल्ली ने भी संगठनों से मुलाकात की ताकि उन्हें हड़ताल से रोका जा सके । तथापि, यह प्रयास विफल ही रहे । हड़ताली कर्मचारियों का एक दिन का वेतन काट लिया गया है ।

(ग) और (घ) प्रबंधक वर्ग ए-320 विमानों को पुन: शामिल करने के लिए संगठनों/संघों से बातचीत करते रहे हैं । बातचीत के परिणामस्वरूप विमान चालकों और रख-रखाव इंजीनियरों के प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम पर सहमति हो गई और इन्हें पहले ही शुरू किया जा चुका है ।

Setting up of a Thermal Power Station at Bikaner by Neyveli Lignite Corporation

796. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Neyveli Lignite Corporation is expanding its activities and that the Corporation proposes to set up a project in Bikaner for mining of lignite and also will set up a Thermal Power Station; and

(b) if so, by when the work on the proposed projects are likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. An integrated project for a lignite mine (1.7 million tonnes per annum) and the linked thermal power station (2X120 MW) at Barsingsar in Bikaner Distt. of Rajasthan is under consideration of the Government.

Grounding of Airbus-320 aircrafts

797. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the decision of the Indian Airlines to ground Airbus-320 aircraft caused Rs. 100 crores loss to the Airlines; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take against the persons responsible for taking such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN):

(a) On certain assumptions the loss by way of reduction in cash surplus due to the non-operation of A-320 fleet is estimated to be of the order of Rs. 60 crores for the period upto 31-7-1990.

(b) Following the Bangalore aircrash, the operation of the A-320 fleet was suspended keeping in view the apprehension in the mind of travelling public and the paramount need for ensuring the safe operation of the fleet by the Indian Airlines. Accordingly, a high-powered technical committee was appointed to evaluate the state of preparedness of Indian Airlines for the safe operation of A-320 fleet. The recommendations of the Committee have been accepted and are being implemented for phased reinduction of the A-320 fleet.

Non-filling up of top posts in Indian Airlines and Air India

798. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-filling up of top posts in Indian Airlines and Air India has affected the efficient functioning of these two important organisations; and